

**Weekly Status & Information Report:  
Week of August 13 - August 17, 2007**

**1. New Hampshire Avenue Design Charrette (Wards 2, 3 and 6):** The community is invited to join the TND design team this coming Monday night (August 20) as it presents its recommendations for the redevelopment of the New Hampshire Avenue corridor. The final plan, developed during this week's planning charrette with input from business owners, residents, various state and county agencies, property owners, residents, elected officials, and community groups, will include detailed build-out plans for commercial areas, streetscape improvements and new roadway configurations along the corridor. The presentation will begin at 7 p.m. in the auditorium here at the Takoma Park Community Center.

There are still several opportunities to participate in the development of these plans. Prior to the final presentation, the public is welcome to stop by the design studio to chat informally with members of the design team and to provide their input on the work in progress. A second public pin-up session is scheduled for tonight, Friday, August 17 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium where the community will be given further opportunity to comment on the plans.

For more information, please check the City's website at <http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/gateway/index.html> . There you will find a copy of the week's schedule, an overview of the charrette process and links to resources, and to review the work that has been done this past week. The site includes a comments form for those who are unable to attend. Your comments will be emailed directly to the project team. *(Housing and Community Development)*

**2. Tenant HelpLine (Citywide):** Landlord-Tenant staff attended the Takoma Park Farmer's Market on Wednesday, August 15 on New Hampshire Avenue in a continuing effort to conduct educational outreach in the community. The newly published Landlord-Tenant Handbook was distributed to interested shoppers at the market. For a copy of the handbook, please contact the Landlord-Tenant Office at 301- 891-7215. Any tenant or tenant group interested in having a landlord-tenant staff person help them form a tenant association should call Linda Walker at 301-891-7222. *(Housing and Community Development)*

**3. Tenant Committee on Legislative Issues (Citywide):** The committee is seeking volunteers to participate in an effort to recommend changes to the Maryland Condominium Conversion law. Currently the law does not allow any tenant input into whether a rental property is converted to a condominium or cooperative. A petition is being circulated that requests that the law be changed, allowing tenants to vote on whether a condominium or cooperative conversion take place in the building where they live. Those interested in participating in this effort should call Linda Walker at 301-891-7222. *(Housing and Community Development)*

**4. Montgomery County Housing Fair - September 15 (Citywide):** The Montgomery County Housing Fair and Financial Fitness Day will take place on Saturday, September 15 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Bohrer Park in Gaithersburg (next to Gaithersburg High School). Over 70 exhibitors will be present to assist first time home buyers acquire more information about the home buying process. Attendees have the opportunity to win a \$500 prize which can be used toward a rent or mortgage payment (two each hour will be

drawn). For further information, please call Linda Walker at 301-891-7222. (*Housing and Community Development*)

**5. CDBG Application Deadline - Monday, August 20 (Citywide):** The City of Takoma Park is accepting proposals for the use of its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Grants are awarded for a wide range of community development activities directed toward neighborhood revitalization, economic development, and the provision of improved community facilities and services. Applications are due this Monday, August 20 and are available online <http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/hcd/cdbg2/index.html> . For more information, please contact Sara Anne Daines at 301-891-7224 or by email at [SaraD@takomagov.org](mailto:SaraD@takomagov.org). (*Housing and Community Development Department*)

**6. Officers in Planning:** Chief Ronald Ricucci and Capt. Ed Coursey participated in the City's charrette on New Hampshire Avenue planning and development. The event was coordinated by the Housing and Community Development Department. (*Police*)

**7. Crime Report:** On August 17 at about 3:30 a.m., patrol officers responded to the Washington McLaughlin School on Poplar Avenue for a burglary alarm. With the assistance of a Montgomery County Police K-9 unit, four City juveniles were arrested inside the school and have been charged with burglary. Further investigation continues by CID detectives investigating a possible connection between these juveniles and the burglary at the school that was reported from the previous night, in which electronic equipment was taken. (*Police*)

**8. Traffic Enforcement:** The department conducted over 68 traffic stops during the week, with the majority occurring on New Hampshire Avenue and Maple Avenue. In three of the stops, the vehicles were impounded for related violations. (*Police*)

**9. New Rain Garden Construction (Ward 1):** The City Engineer has designed a rain garden for the intersection of Grant Avenue and Holly Avenue, adjacent to the existing storm inlet. Construction is scheduled to begin August 20. This system will filter rain water that flows down the street prior to entering the storm drain system. This project was generated by a suggestion from the residents requesting a reduction of the asphalt and clearer definition of the intersection in that area. (*Public Works*)

**10. Grant Avenue Sidewalk (Ward 1):** The sidewalk is virtually completed as of Friday. Grading, top soil and grass seed will be added next week. (*Public Works*)

**11. Championship Game:** The City TV staff filmed the Y.E.S. League championship game between The Orangemen vs. Wink Allstars, and The Mob Squad vs. Midnight Special on Thursday, August 16. (*City TV*)